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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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Information Using a Non-Planar Prism**  
Inventors: McClurg *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1823.0820007

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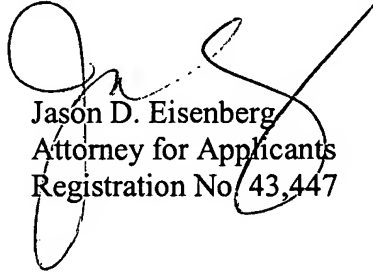
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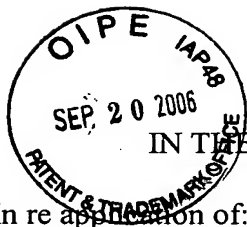
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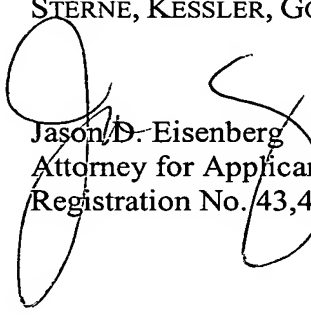
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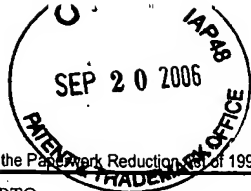
  
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